REMARKS

Claims 1 - 14 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 1-10 and 12-14 are allowed. Claim 11 is rejected. Claims 1-14 remain. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendment to the specification and the following remarks.

It is asserted in the Office Action that Claim 11 is rejected under 35 USC 101, the Examiner noting the claim is directed to a computer readable medium, which as described in the specification can be embodied as a computer readable code on a computer readable medium, where the computer readable medium may be a carrier wave that transmits data via the Internet. In response, Applicant has amended the Specification on page 8, second paragraph, paragraph no. [0039], to exclude the sentence which the Examiner refers to, namely the computer readable medium may be a carrier wave that transmits data via the Internet, for example. The computer readable recording medium can be distributed among computer systems that are interconnected through a net work, and the present invention may be stored and implemented as a computer readable code in the distributed system, which amendment is fully responsive to this rejection in that the claim is no longer directed to a computer readable medium which can be embodied as a computer readable code on a computer readable medium, where the computer readable medium may be a carrier wave that transmits data via the Internet.

Accordingly, since Claim 11 is now clearly directed to a computer-readable recording medium on which a program to execute the method of allowable Claim 11 using a computer is recorded, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 101 is

respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all claims pending for examination, namely claims 1-14 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

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